

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

Civil Action No. 4:2015-cv-01649-RBH

Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	JOINT STATUS REPORT
Margaret Rose C. Sims, as the duly appointed)	
Representative of the Estate of)	
David Lee Sims, Jr. and Heather Sims,)	
)	
)	
Defendants.)	

The Defendants, Margaret Rose C. Sims and Heather Sims, submit this joint status report:

1. This is an interpleader action brought by Nationwide Insurance Company.
2. Nationwide had deposited its funds with the Clerk of Court and the other parties have been enjoined from proceeding against Nationwide. (ECF 16, 18).
3. Defendant Heather Sims has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter after an 9 day trial in Horry County. Post-trial motions have been filed and are under consideration by the trial judge in the Horry County trial.
4. The Defendants wish the remaining issues to be tried in Horry County as it will be more convenient for the parties and witnesses and additional parties will be necessary to fully resolve the probate issues

5. The Defendants are deciding if the remaining issues should be tried in Horry County Common Pleas or the Probate Court. Upon such an agreement the Defendants would submit an order asking that the deposited funds be forwarded to the proper clerk in Horry County
6. The Defendants would consent to the entry and a final order as Nationwide and a disbursement of the attorney's fee award.
7. The matter is not ready for trial in this court and the Defendants request a continuance.

Respectfully submitted

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